Met Office warns of heavy rain and gales

23 September 2012 - As forecast, very unsettled weather is affecting southern parts of the UK, with heavy rain and strong winds expected to spread to all areas for the start of the week.

The Met Office and the Environment Agency are warning the public to be prepared for possible travel disruption and flooding as many areas see 20 - 40 mm of rain and some areas see up to 80 mm falling by the end of Monday.

Steve Willington, Met Office Chief Forecaster said: "A deep area of low pressure is moving north from the Bay of Biscay and will bring a very unsettled spell of weather to all parts of the UK this week.

The public should keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings for their area on our website and with forecasts on TV and radio during this unsettled spell. Everyone should be prepared for the effects of heavy rain and strong to gale force winds as they combine to bring the potential for travel disruption and localised flooding over the next few days."

David Jordan, Director of Operations at the Environment Agency said: "We are expecting flooding across the country from this evening and into Monday and Tuesday. We strongly urge people to sign up to flood warnings, keep a close eye on local weather forecasts and be prepared for the possibility of flooding. We also ask that people stay safe, by staying away swollen rivers and not attempting to drive through floodwater.

"The Environment Agency already has teams out on the ground checking on flood defences and clearing any blockages in order to reduce the risk of flooding as much as possible."

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